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LOK SABHA

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TEA INDUSTRY
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the demand from the tea industry to declare it as an Agro-based industry;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the likely benefits for the industry;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Union Government has any proposal to fix a floor price for the raw tea leaves and the processed tea also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) to (f) : There is no proposal to fix a floor price for the raw tea leaves and the processed tea, however, a price sharing formula is in vogue under which price of made tea is shared between the growers of tea leaf and the manufacturers. This ratio in the case of Nilgiri areas is 65:35 in Himachal and Uttaranchal it is 52:48 and in other parts it is 60:40.